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A TV observation system for endoscopes has an illumination system including a light source configured to emit light to illuminate an object to be observed and a light transmitter configured to transmit the light from the light source to a distal end of the endoscope. The TV observation system also includes a power supply configured to supply electric power to the light source and a compounding optical system configured to compound light having different emission spectral bands from the light source. At least one of the light source, the power supply and the compounding optical system is disposed adjacent to the endoscope so that light transmitted through the compounding optical system is supplied to the light transmitter